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SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM GERMAN EMBASSY TRIPOLI TO GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM WEST GERMAN CHARGE RICHARD LOUIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE:

QTE: 1. REPORT CONFINED TO ESSENTIALS BY REQUEST OF US EMBASSY. LIBYAN ARMY SEIZED POWER YESTERDAY MORNING FIRST PROCLAIMED ARAB REPUBLIC OF LIBYA AND IS IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL AT TRIPOLI AND APPARENTLY ALL OTHER PARTS OF LIBYA. RESIGNATION OF CROWN PRINCE BROADCAST 1400 HOURS YESTERDAY. ALL POWERS VESTED IN REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL (RCC) LED BY SADREDIN BUSHWEIR CONSISTING OF HITHERTO LITTLE KNOWN OFFICERS RANKING CAPTAIN AND BELOW. ALL OUTSIDE COMMUNICATIONS BLOCKED. NO CONTACT WITH BRANCH OFFICE BENGHAZI. STRICT CURFEW ENFORCED BY CONTINUED SHOOTING APPARENTLY NO CASUALTIES AMONG GERMAN COMMUNITY TRIPOLI THUS FAR. HEADS OF MISSION US, UK, USSR AND FRANCE SUMMONED TO RCC YESTERDAY AND ASSURED COUP NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY FOREIGN POWER, NEW REGIME WOULD HONOUR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND SAFEGUARD FOREIGN LIVES AND PROPERTY.

LATER ANNOUNCEMENTS BROADCAST PROCLAIMED LIBYA COMMITTED TO SOCIALISM AND FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ENEMIES OF ARABS.

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2. REPERCUSSIONS ON GERMAN OIL INTERESTS STILL UNCERTAIN. BERTHED TANKERS WERE LOADED UNTIL LAST EVENING, SINCE THEN ALL SHIPMENTS SUSPENDED.

3. RECOGNITION GDR POSSIBLE AND EVEN LIKELY IF RCC SERIOUS IN COMMITMENT TO SOCIALISM. NO SPECIFIC INDICATIONS FOR RECOGNITION AT THIS MOMENT. RCC FULLY OCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL SITUATION.

4. VISIT GERMAN OIL REP NOT FEASIBLE AT THIS STAGE.

5. MY OWN FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT STILL RESTRICTED. AM AT EMBASSY WITH TWO PERSONS STAFF. LOCAL EMBASSY TELEPHONES CUT SINCE LAST NIGHT. TRYING TO CONTACT RCC. LOUIS UNQTE.

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